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SUBJECT:LOS - AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S PRESS STATEMENT ON
SIXTH SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE

FOR AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

1. YOU HAVE RECEIVED BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM THE TEXT OF THE
STATEMENT I MADE WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, AT NEW YORK ABOUT THE
JUST CONCLUDED SIXTH SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CON-
FERENCE. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HAVING THE TEXT OF THAT
STATEMENT TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE
FROM ME DELIVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO HIS EXCELLENCY
PAUL B. ENGO, CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMEROON DELEGATION FOR THE
LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR PAUL:

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---- ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF THE STATEMENT WHICH I DELIVERED
TO THE PRESS ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20. I REGRET THAT CIRCUM-
STANCES REQUIRED ME TO BE BLUNTLY CRITICAL OF THE PORTIONS
OF THE COMPOSITE TEXT DEALING WITH SEABED ISSUES.

---- YOU WILL RECALL THAT ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, I,
DICK DARMAN AND J.T. SMITH SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED OF YOU

THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW SUCH CHANGES AS YOU MIGHT
CHOOSE TO MAKE TO THE RSNT AND THE EVENSEN FORMULATIONS.
SIMILARLY, I EXPLICITLY ALERTED YOU TO THE FACT THAT
ANY CHANGES IN THE EVENSEN FORMULATIONS IN THE DIRECTION
OF THE GROUP OF 77 WOULD UPSET A DELICATE BALANCE AND
COULD CAUSE A HARSH REACTION BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
DESPITE OUR REPEATED EXPRESSIONS OF WILLINGNESS TO ADVISE
YOU ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF AMENDMENTS YOU MIGHT PROPOSE,
WE WERE NEVER PERMITTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE OR
COMMENT UPON THE CHANGES YOU CHOSE TO INCLUDE IN THE
COMPOSITE TEXT.

---- IT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A
COMPREHENSIVE LAW OF THE SEA TREATY THAT BALANCE BE
RESTORED TO THE SEABED TEXT.

---- WITH KINDEST REGARDS,

---- SINCERELY,

---- ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON

END TEXT.

2. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM ME WHEN THE
FOREGOING MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED. VANCE
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